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SUBJ: PARTY REPORT NOTES PROBLEMS WITH SOFIA OVER MACEDONIAN  
QUESTION

REF: BELGRADE 638

1. LCY CC PRESIDUM REPORT (BORBA FEB 24) PUBLISHED AS PREPARA-  
TION FOR FEB 25 CC SESSION NOTES LC RELATIONS WITH MOST EAST  
EUROPEAN CPS ARE GOOD, BUT RELATIONS WITH BULGARIAN CP ARE  
"INHIBITED" BY CONTINUING DISPUTE OVER MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN  
BULGARIA. CURRENT EXCHANGE OVER MACEDONIAN SHARPENED AFTER  
JAN 31 SPEECH BY LUDMILA ZHIVKOVA IN BLAGOEVGRAD, BULGARIA  
WHICH PARTY ORGAN KOMUNISTS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS INTERPRETED  
AS ATTEMPT AT DENATIONALIZATION OF MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN BULGARIA.

2. FEB 25 TANJUG PICKED UP ARTICLE FROM SKOPJE  
NOVA MAKEDONIJA WHICH QUESTIONS WHETHER SOVIET ARMY'S  
RED STAR HAS DISHONORED ITSELF BY PUBLISHING ARTICLE BY  
"ANTI-YUGOSLAV EMIGRANT" VENKO MARKOVSKI WRITING FROM  
BULGARIA. MORKOVSKI REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THREE MACE-  
DONIAN POETS AS BULGARIANS, THUS ESCALATING "USURPATION"  
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TO SOVIET PRESS.

3. COMMENT: DISPUTE TAKES ON ADDED SIGNIFICANCE WITH  
PRONOUNCEMENT BY HIGHEST YUGOSLAV PARTY BODY, WITH  
YUGOSLAVS LIKELY TAKING STRONGER LINE BECAUSE THEY CON-  
SIDER A STATEMENT BY TODOR ZHIVKOV'S DAUGHTER TO HAVE BEEN  
A SIGNIFICANT ESCALATION ON THE BULGARIAN SIDE. IT NOW  
SEEMS LIKELY BOTH PARTY AND STATE RELATIONS WILL BE ON  
DEAD CENTER UNTIL THE BULGARIANS DO SOMETHING TO OFFSET  
THE ZHIVKOVA STATEMENT AND MOLLIFY THE YUGOSLAVS.  
SPEED WITH WHICH NOVA MAKEDONIJA BLAST AT RED STAR  
FOUND ITS WAY IN TANJUG WIRE SERVICE INDICATES  
YUGOSLAV FEELINGS ABOUT SOVIET MIXING IN FIGHT.  
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